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Lion's Pride Mission Statement

Hola, Bonjour, Ciao, Salutations!

The Lion's Pride would like to welcome all new and returning students onto campus. We hope you enjoyed your summer, but now it's time to pick up those pencils and prepare for classes. Let's start the fall semester strong and proud.

This year a completely new staff is being shuffled into the newspaper. Our mission as a student-based publication is to provide accurate, engaging, and interesting journalism that keeps our university community informed. We strive to uphold a high standard of integrity and to stay true to the Benedictine values without compromising our press rights. Providing an outlet in which the student body can tastefully express their opinions is an important goal for us.

Don't forget that the Lion's Pride is more than print on paper and can be conveniently accessed on the internet. We'll keep our website constantly updated to let you know what is happening both on and off campus. Over time, we hope to incorporate many videos and slideshows for our audience to enjoy online. We plan to utilize as much technology as possible.

Overall, we want the Lion's Pride to continue being a resource worthy of reading. We are nothing without our audience. A major priority of our current staff is to further incorporate the student body into the newspaper: feel free to send us letters to the editors, tell us what you want to see covered, and even knock on the newspaper office just to say hello. We would love to hear from our readers. After all, you're the reason we continue to research, investigate, and interview in order to put out an issue each week.

Changes will follow with our group of writers. Bear with us as we adjust to our roles. Since most of the editors now consist of sophomore and junior students, we urge you to get to know us because we'll be your reporters for the next couple of years at least. We promise to uphold journalism ethics, address engaging topics, and earn your confidence.

We are the Lion's Pride and we are here for you.

Racheljoy Capitola - Editor in Chief

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The Lions' Pride Staff

Jessica L. Miller

Layout Editor

Entering Junior year, Miss Miller finds her life filled with many exciting opportunities and challenges. In between working as the Layout Editor for *The Lions' Pride*, she also is President of the Take Stock in Children of Saint Leo University Club, Public Relations of International Justice Mission Chapter, proud sister of Sigma Sigma Sigma International Sorority, and other organizations on campus. Miss Miller is studying both English and Marketing at the University. Miss Miller's goals as Layout Editor for the Newspaper is: "My team and I at The Lions' Pride want the Newspaper to start becoming more visually pleasing to its' readings." In her spare time she . . . she has little to no spare time, but tries to fit in books, friends, family, Faith, and the occasional cookie.

Shane Holman

Managing Editor

I'm a 2nd year MBA student, and an alumni of the Political Science undergraduate program here at Saint Leo University. I'm excited to see so many new staff with us this year, and I'm looking forward to growing our newspaper staff, as well as helping to develop a more engaged audience.

I am a 4th generation Floridian, active in the local political community, and a proud Saint Leo University alumni. I look forward to serving the campus community through delivering a weekly newspaper full of student inspired stories, to growing relationships with our community through advertising, and encouraging thoughtful discussion among our readers.

I welcome the new freshmen, transfer students, graduate students, faculty, and staff to our campus. I encourage you to take an active role as readers through following our Facebook page, writing letters to the editor, and discussing our editorial content.

Racheljoy Capitola

Editor in Chief

After working on the staff as Copy Editor during her freshman year, Ms. Capitola returns as Chief Editor for her sophomore year. She is a member of the SEA and a published writer in the Sandhill Review. One day she hopes to become an esteemed novelist – that is if she can overcome her youtube surfing addiction long enough to stop procrastinating on her stories. In her spare time she enjoys laughing inappropriately in the middle of horror movies, shopping for enough clothes to supply Narnia, and listening to erratic music ranging from celtic ballads to head-banging screamo. Her goal this year (aside from encouraging the staff to drink more caffeine as deadlines approach) is to improve the quality of writing in the paper and to incorporate more off-campus news: "We need to know what happens in the world outside of the University and how it'll affect us in the future. Knowledge is power, right?"

Ashley Reynolds

Entertainment Editor

Ashley Reynolds likes cake, video games, and going to Walmart at midnight. She is a second-year student at Saint Leo and Student Editor for the Sandhill Review. She's also winner of the GCACWT Fairhope Poetry Prize. This year, she is working as the Arts & Entertainment Editor for the Lion's Pride. Ashley is a double major in English and Global Studies, and has absolutely no idea what to do with these degrees, but thinks they will look good on her wall. As Arts & Entertainment Editor, she wants to print event schedules and keep students updated on what's going on around campus.

Joanna Ozog

Online Editor

Joanna Ozog is entering her second year at the University. She studies Mathematics and is out to gather a deeper appreciation and understanding of the subject so that she may spread the joy of the topic to the general public. Ms. Ozog is the current Online Editor for the Newspaper. She finds it fitting that she works with a team that admires her skills with technology and her keen eye for placement and design of photos. In her spare time, she enjoys recreational activities such as video games and hanging out with her good friends. Miss Ozog's mission for this year as Online Editor is to do her best to make the online version of The Lions' Pride as successful as the print version.

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Local News

New Business on the Block

By Stephanie Holz
Contributing Writer

The community of Saint Leo recently welcomed a new business to the neighborhood.

Located less than a mile from the University's main campus, *A Cup of Organic* celebrated its ribbon cutting ceremony on July 11th and its grand opening on July 27th.

They sell a variety of products including lattes, cappuccinos, mochas, hot or iced tea and coffee, pastries, and bagels to name a few. Their signature drink however, is called the granita, a type of iced coffee Slurpee.

"The man who helped me today even offered me a free sample of granida. This coffee shop has won me over. I will defiantly be a repeat customer!" said Colleen Sexton of Saint Leo University.

Around 85-90 percent of their products are organic. The coffee beans are grown organically in Honduras by the same family that owns the business. There is also the option to go gluten free on many products.

Besides selling consumable products, *A Cup of Organic* also provides free WiFi, outdoor seating, and two drive through/ walk up windows.

The business is quickly becoming a hot spot with between five to ten new customers coming in each day. There is a price discount for students and staff attending the University and *Pasco-Hernando Community College*.

"The prices were reasonable, the coffee good, and I was delighted to find out that SLU employees get a discount, but the best part is the genuine friendliness of the staff. Overall, the experience was wonderful, and I am certain I'll make frequent stops on my way to work," said Shannon Greer, also from Saint Leo University.

"It's no wonder their motto is 'the coffee that gives back" says Patricia Poehner, a resident of the area. "It's great how they are so close to the interstate as well as the college."

Despite having so many positive reviews, there are the negatives.

"The layout is awkward, and the coffee was mediocre." said Angel Jimenez.

"A little costly for a decent cup of coffee. The area was challenging to enter and exit." Troy Schaffer agreed.

In addition, the shop is closed on Sunday in recognition of the Sabbath, a popular time for local cyclists and churchgoers to pass by.

"We are happy to be here," said Douglass Torres, owner of *A Cup of Organic*. "But on Sunday we get to go to church and spend the day with God and family."

For more information please visit http://www.acupoforganic.com/

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*Work Study & Non-Work Study Positions Available

JOBS AVAILABLE
- Writers
- Assistant Online Editor
- Multimedia Editor
- Assistant Copy Editor
- Photographers
- Assistant Layout Editor
- Graphic Designer

SKILLS GAINED
- Resume Builder
- Teamwork
- Improved Writing
- Ability to Meet Deadlines
- Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Time Management

For job inquiries and more information contact Valerie Kasper at valerie.kasper@saintleo.edu

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Campus News

University Technology Services (UTS)
- Basic tech support for laptop

Trane Stop
- Financial Aid
- Student I.D., Parking Decal, Cash Checks

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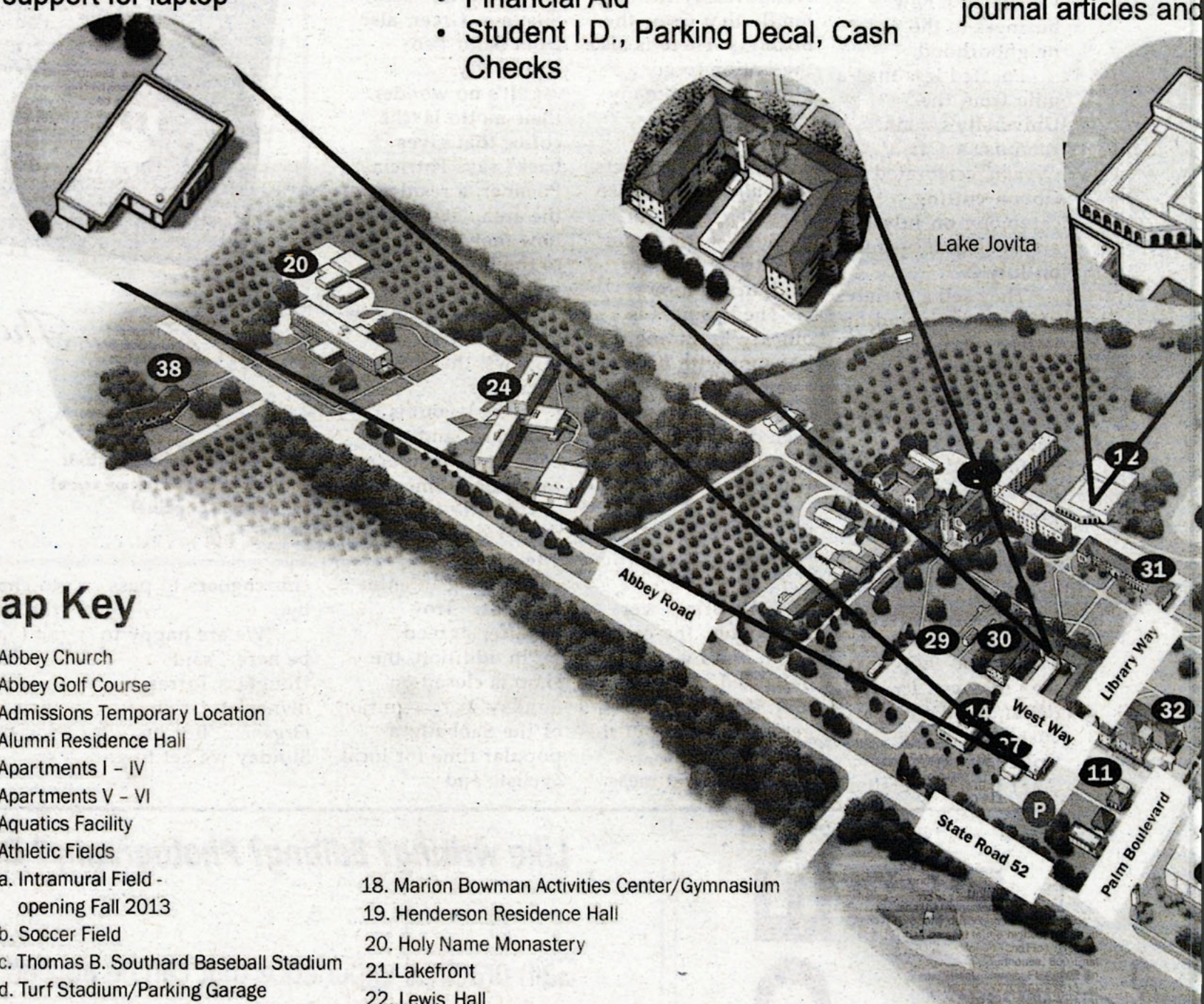
- Computer lab with
- Inter-library loans
- Databases - full tex journal articles and



Map Key

1. Abbey Church
2. Abbey Golf Course
3. Admissions Temporary Location
4. Alumni Residence Hall
5. Apartments I – IV
6. Apartments V – VI
7. Aquatics Facility
8. Athletic Fields
   a. Intramural Field - opening Fall 2013
   b. Soccer Field
   c. Thomas B. Southard Baseball Stadium
   d. Turf Stadium/Parking Garage
   e. University Softball Stadium
9. Benoit Residence Hall
10. Bowl
11. Campus Safety and Security
12. Cannon Memorial Library
13. Saint Jude Chapel
14. Chiller Plant
15. Crawford Hall
16. deChantal Hall
17. Fitness Center
18. Marion Bowman Activities Center/Gymnasium
19. Henderson Residence Hall
20. Holy Name Monastery
21. Lakefront
22. Lewis Hall
23. Stephen Herrmann Mail Center
24. Marmion/Snyder Residence Halls
25. Music Building
26. Plant Operations
27. Roderick Residence Hall
28. Ropes Course
29. ROTC Department
30. Saint Edward Hall
31. Saint Francis Hall
32. School of Business Building
33. Selby Auditorium
34. Student Activities Building
35. Student Community Center
    f. Board Meeting Rooms
    g. Dining Hall
    h. Lounge
    i. Bookstore
36. Tennis Center
37. University Technology Services
38. Villa

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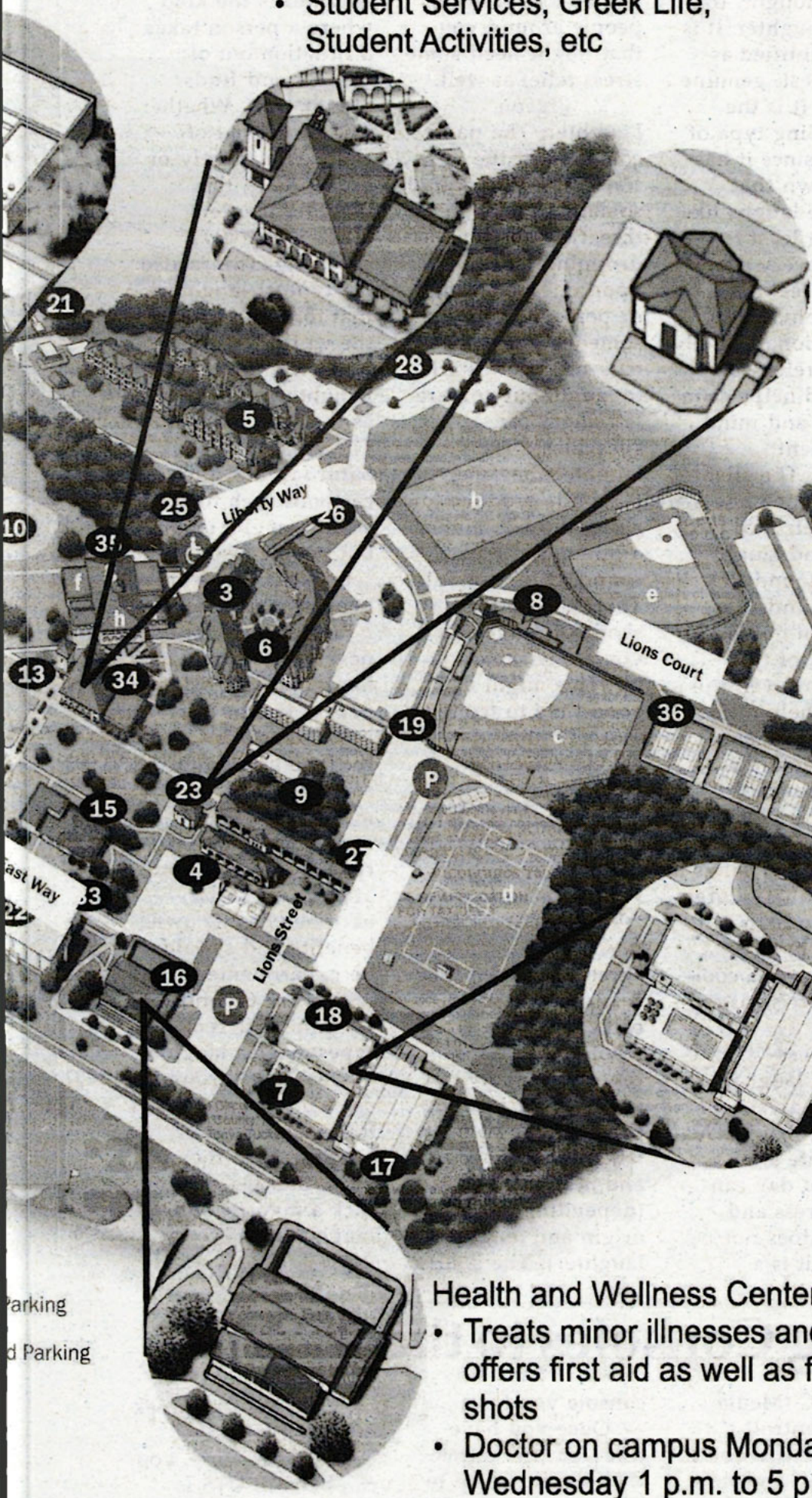
Student Activities Building (SAB)
- Learning Resource Center (LRC) - Tutors, printers
- Yearbook and newspaper office
- Student Services, Greek Life, Student Activities, etc



Mail room
- Campus post office
- Student mailboxes
- Send and receive packages
- Hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fitness Center
- Cardio and weight-lifting equipment
- Offers group classes such as boxing and yoga
- Pool - free to tan, do laps and available for student gatherings

Health and Wellness Center (DeChantal Hall)
- Treats minor illnesses and injuries and offers first aid as well as flu and allergy shots
- Doctor on campus Monday and Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Clinic open Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Arts & Entertainment

Laughter is the Opposite of Sadness

By Jessica Miller
Layout Editor

Do humans have instinct? Many humans define instincts according to their means of survival, such as food, water, shelter, and, in some cases, medicine, clothing, and human interactions of some level. However, scientists have discovered that for humans, their only natural instinct is crying. It is the only thing in the world that humans know how to do without being taught in some way.

Different types of crying can mean many different things. One is upset, happy, angry, relief . . . crying is so unique to an individual person. The only thing that is also this unique and un-researched is laughing. Laughing, while not instinctual, is, in fact, very important and can tell a lot about a person. There are many different types of laughs, and all laughter is unique to each person. Listed below are some of the many different types of laughs.

- Eloquent Laughter: This type of laughter is for people that want to give a delicate expression of enjoyment. A light, quick laugh that sends the message: that was humorous, I applaud you, now let us move on to the next point. One will hear this laughter most often at work or in business-like settings.

- Contagious Laughter: Have you ever heard someone laugh, despite not knowing why they are laughing at all? This not uncommon; in fact, one in three people will start laughing if another person is already laughing and/or giggling. This laughter is found in small clusters or huge crowds that find an easy way to 'break the ice' by joining together in the smooth and joyful action of laughing. No one understands why laughter is contagious, but it helps bring people together.

- Nervous Laughter: Nervous laughter is when someone is involved in or sees an embarrassing event. The nervous laugh is an attempt to try and subdue anxiety and stress if such a situation were to arise. Sadly, the opposite usually happens; people make the situation more uncomfortable by creating starting this nervous laughter, but realize too late that they subconsciously did so.

- Belly Laughter: When one sees something and starts to laugh without a second thought, that is belly laughter. It is easily identified as true, honest, genuine laughter. It is the most healing type of laughter since it has been shown that when one laughs like this for at least ten minutes every day, they will feel the benefits physically and emotionally. Belly laughter releases stress and helps calm the body and mind.

- Silent Laughter: The silent laugh is when one makes their face into a smile and laughs without sound. It almost sounds like you would not get much out of this laugh. However, this type can help with sleeping problems. Since no sound is being produced, it helps to create a rhythmic pattern of breathing and calms a person. This is a great exercise to help calm the body before sleeping or as a cool-down exercise after yoga.

- Stress-Relieving laughter: When life gives you lemons . . . laugh! A forceful life after a long, hard day can relieve stress and anger. It does not matter if it is a chuckle, belly laugh, or snicker; just laughing heals in general. It can also then develop into contagious laughter, and be useful to the people around you that might need some stress relief as well.

- Pigeon Laughter: The name comes from the slapstick routine (and sometimes real-life threat) of a pigeon dropping fecal matter upon one's clothing, or person. Then, someone you may or may not know starts to laugh, but you are left angry or speechless. The laughter the other person is producing is closed-lipped, almost a humming like sound in their mouth. Their cheeks turn a shade of rouge and you are left to clean up. This might be a good time to try the aforementioned "stress-relieving laughter."

- Snort Laughter: While men are more likely to be seen wiping the residue of a beverage from their nostrils, everyone can agree that when they see someone snort, it brings laughter to whole room. This reporter is sadly guilty of performing this. It often comes when least expected and is slightly painful (depending on the origin and length of laughter). The snort comes from a type of person who laughs more so through their nose then mouth.

- Canned Laughter: This type of laughter is the kind where a person takes a situation out of context and finds humor in it. Whether it is taking out of context purposely or accidentally, this laughter is often followed by jaws dropping. This is also the type of laughter that follows satire in the world.

- Cruel Laughter: Also known as the "evil laugh." The villains on Saturday morning cartoons each have their own evil laugh, but people also often seen laughing at other people's expenses. It is unfortunate, but nevertheless true. It is hard to avoid and is a part of laugh. The best anyone can hope for is to be able to regulate it and to be more empathic.

No matter what type of laughter you attempt or prefer, each one has its own benefits and should be experimented with. Play around with the different types; have a laughing contest, joke around, see who can go the longest without laughing and then burst into tears! Then pick a favorite and laugh a little every day.

Connecting Your Gaming Consoles to the Internet

Ashley Reynolds
Entertainment Editor

This year, University Technology Services is making changes to how consoles connect to the SLU network. Previously, students were able to select a wireless network. However, this year students will have to send in a request to UTS for their gaming systems to be connected.

To submit a request to UTS:

- Go to https://helpdesk.saintleo.edu
- Log in with your Saint Leo credentials
- Click the Request Catalogue button in the top left corner
- Fill out the forms

The forms will ask for a MAC (Media Access Control) address. If you don't know your console's address, UTS has instructions on how to find it at http://www.saintleo.edu/resources/university-technology-services.aspx. Click the link for Console Gaming Devices and it will give specific directions depending on what type of console you have.

Once you have filled out the forms, UTS should come to your room to finish hooking your console to the internet.

UTS also has instructions on how to sync your Saint Leo email to your phone at http://www.saintleo.edu/media/216502/directions_for_setting_up_student_email_access.pdf

With the first week of school already coming to a close, you can be sure UTS is busy with requests to connect students' consoles. They ask you wait two to three days for your requet to be processed.

No matter what you need help with, ave yourself some time by reading the website before visiting UTS in person.

Arts & Entertainment

The Mortal Instruments: A Movie that Needs Explanation

Racheljoy Capitola
Editor in Chief

Photo Courtesy of The City of Bones trailer

"The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" is difficult to follow, even for mundanes who have read Cassandra Clare's bestselling book series. The atmosphere is cliché and the jokes are too desperate to be funny. Overall, Hollywood's impression of the young-adult series is a cluttered and confused mess.

Set in an alternate version of New York, Clary Fray (Lily Collins) discovers while at a club that she can see a paranormal world invisible to regular people. When her mother's life is threatened, Clary teams up with her nerdy best friend Simon (Robert Sheehan) and a mysterious youth named Jace (Jamie Bower) who introduces her to the Shadowhunters – a group of Nephilim that protect the world from demons using a mixture of magic rune tattoos and weapons. Most of the movie focuses on Clary's quest to learn about the secrets kept from her as a child and to find the Mortal Cup her mother risked her life to protect from the power-obsessed Valentine (Jonathan Meyers).

From the moment Clary discovers a fantastical world beside our own, she is thrown into one action scene after another: battling hound demons, attending supernatural parties with kidnapping vampires, and teaming up with motorcycle gang werewolves. It is this constant movement that leaves the movie watcher dazed. Explanations are thrown out in rapid bursts between scenes, not giving the audience ample time to process the plot.

Character development was lacking as well. Clary is portrayed for more than half of the movie as the stereotypical damsel who constantly needs to be saved, Simon is the quirky best friend who struggles to escape the friendzone, and Jace is the angsty dark-but-mysterious love interest who needs to find better sarcastic quips. And who exactly is Hodge (Jared Harris)? Other than being explained as the head of the Institute, his character backstory is hardly mentioned. The same goes for Alec, Isabelle, and Magnus.

As for graphics, it's difficult to be afraid of the demons terrorizing the world when they appear as blob-like hellhounds that can fling themselves across a room with their elasticity. The invisible hellhounds on Supernatural were more intimidating than the ones in this film.

However, the movie isn't a complete loss. Despite the erratic storyline, a handful of the action scenes keep the onlooker on the edge of their seats. Watching four super-powered teens fighting against a mob of fifty vampires with crystal-like swords and metal snake whips? It's rather enjoyable. But you'll have to wait towards the end to catch some decent battle play.

For those who have read the books recently, keeping track of the plot is doable. For those who are going to see the movie without any background information, it may be difficult to follow along without having to take out a phone and research the story.

The movie is considered action-fantasy with a hint of gothic. People who enjoy the "Hunger Games" and "Twilight" are likely to find it appealing. Just keep in mind that the movie is directed more to fans of the book rather than regular movie-goers.

Recipies to Start the School Year

Stephanie Holz
Contributing Writer

1,2,3 Noodles and Beef

17 ounce package of cooked beef tips and gravy
½ teaspoon dried basil (crushed)
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 can mushroom soup
½ cup beef broth
1 cup baby carrots, halved lengthwise
1 small onion (halved and thinly sliced) 1/3 cup
1 12-ounce package of egg noodles.

Directions:

1. In a 3 quart saucepan, combine beef tips and gravy, basil, and pepper. Stir in soup and broth and bring to a boil. Add carrots and onion, return to boiling and then reduce heat to low. Simmer, covered, for 20-25 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir frequently.

2. While mixture is simmering, cook pasta according to the package instructions, drain, and pour into the mixture after it is done simmering.

Fettuccine Alfredo

8 ounces dried fettuccine
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup whipping cream
½ teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
½ cup grated or finely shredded parmesan cheese
One package of fettuccine pasta

Directions:

1. Cook the fettuccine pasta according to the directions on the package

2. While cooking the pasta, melt butter in a 3-quart saucepan. Add cream, salt, and pepper and bring to boiling then reduce heat to a light boil. Keep uncovered for 3-5 minutes or until the mixture begins to thicken while stirring frequently.

3. Remove the saucepan from the heat, stir in the parmesan cheese. Drain the fettuccine pasta. Combine the pasta and the sauce, mixing it quickly and scraping the bottom and sides where sauce tends to accumulate.

4. Transfer to a warm serving dish and serve immediately. If desired, sprinkle additional parmesan cheese on top.

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Opinions

Law School: A Critical Decision

Shane Holman
Managing Editor

Law school tuition has surpassed average annual first year earnings, Dr. Baker reported that 1 in every 200 Floridians is a lawyer, and Law School Transparency reports that almost 80% of law schools are reporting "incomplete, inaccurate, or misleading" job placement information on law school websites.

In 2012-13 college students and other law school applicants made the timely decision to reconsider law school and not apply. Fall 2013 law school applications dropped by over 22%, according to the American Bar Association Journal.

Law School Tuition Soars: You knew when you decided to apply to law school that it wasn't going to be cheap. Law school tuition has been rising every year; and more so now to make up for the decline in applications. The law school I previously attended currently charges $1,450 per credit hour for a total of 90 credit hours in a JD (Juris Doctor) program. In comparison, Saint Leo University charges $422 per credit hour for most graduate programs at the University Campus.

Dr. Webster Baker advises that students should be prepared to spend anywhere from $15,000 to $30,000 per semester for law school tuition and related expenses. Dr. Baker is a JD graduate and professor here at the University in the Donald R. Tapia School of Business.

Business Insider's Abby Rogers discusses 2021 projections of private law schools averaging $75,000 per year tuition rates. These projections are based on tuition alone, excluding living expenses and books. Rogers also has a top 10 list of law schools with graduates with the highest student debt. A private Southern California law school leads the list with an average student debt at graduation in 2011 of $153,145. With a high cost of living, and one of the most crowded legal markets in the nation the Southern California law school graduates are facing an uphill battle. Abby Rogers top 10 debt listings are based on 2011 U.S News & World Report findings.

With law school tuition, living expenses, and related fees reaching into the $150,000 or greater range attending law school must be given a serious financial analysis. Many undergraduates attend law school to avoid a dismal job market, and only end up to have multiplied their student loan debt with equally dismal job prospects. Most important is the factor that student loans cannot be discharged in bankruptcy, and must be repaid even if the student's employment condition has not been improved at graduation.

Lawyer Salaries halted: When a law school brochure discloses the potential to obtain a $160,000 "biglaw" job after graduation it's similar to when a sales job tells you that you have unlimited earning potential. A few years back, major law firms in major cities had starting salaries for entry level lawyers at this $160,000 figure - and a few still do, but each firm only hires a handful of graduates into these highly sought after openings.

Todays' law school graduates, on a mass scale, average starting salaries are in the $50,000 range, according to the most recent Florida Bar Association reports. To begin assessing the possibility of attending law school the most practical first place to start is the likely starting salary range first year law school graduates earn in recent years.

The $50,000 starting salary figure includes all employment in any area of the workforce. Graduating law school does not imply by any sense that graduates will actually practice law. In such a crowded legal market, less graduates have the opportunity to practice at all. Stetson University's College of Law is a local law school in Gulfport, FL. In 2012 Stetson released their graduate employment results.

In the Stetson University's College of Law 2012 graduate survey:

- 63.3% of graduates had full time employment that required passing the bar.
- Of that, only 22 graduates out of 341 were employed with a law firm with over 50 lawyers.

*Stetson University College of Law is one of two Tampa Bay area law schools, and the first law school in the State of Florida.

It's important to consider the size of law firms in employment reporting because the size of the firm traditionally correlates to a higher salary with a larger firm. Stetson has long been considered a strong law school to attend, and their employment profile provides a fair assessment of our local market.

You could have been making money instead of borrowing it:

In the three to four years of attending law school, these are years that students could have been employed as graduates with a bachelors degree with salaries not far off of those of entry level attorneys. Even if graduates of bachelors degree programs are working part time, in a less than desired career field, or not making as much as they hoped it's comparatively a better condition than borrowing in the six figures for the opportunity to chase a dream in a really rough legal market.

Dr. Webster Baker emphasizes, "the decision to attend law school should be made as much about the return on investment as it concerns the desire to practice law." There are three to four years of law school where students cannot be employed, and it takes several years longer before the law school investment realizes any real return. Dr. Baker compares law school as comparable to a sizable real estate investment.

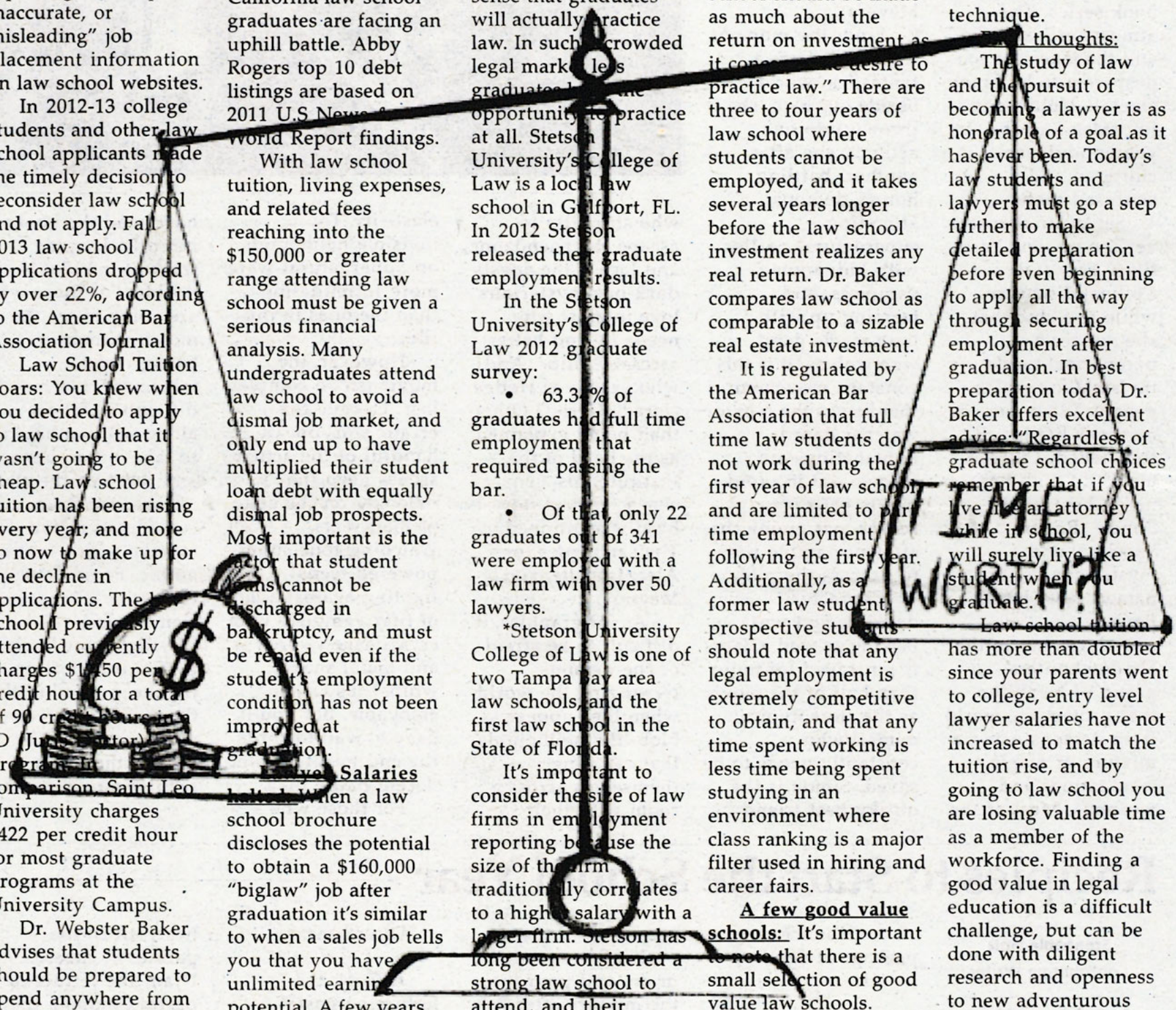
It is regulated by the American Bar Association that full time law students do not work during the first year of law school and are limited to part time employment following the first year. Additionally, as a former law student, prospective students should note that any legal employment is extremely competitive to obtain, and that any time spent working is less time being spent studying in an environment where class ranking is a major filter used in hiring and career fairs.

A few good value schools: It's important to note that there is a small selection of good value law schools. Many public law schools in the South and Mountain regions offer very low in-state resident tuition, often under $15,000 per academic year. Many of these opportunities are in rural locations, so prospective students must be prepared to live in a rural community for several years with the potential of practicing in that region.

Another method of making law school affordable is to receive an academic scholarship based most often on LSAT performance. Scholarships vary from a few thousand dollars a year to full tuition, varying entirely from one school to the next. The practice of requesting one school to match another's scholarship offer is fairly routine and can be a successful technique.

Final thoughts:

The study of law and the pursuit of becoming a lawyer is as honorable of a goal as it has ever been. Today's law students and lawyers must go a step further to make detailed preparation before even beginning to apply all the way through securing employment after graduation. In best preparation today Dr. Baker offers excellent advice: "Regardless of graduate school choices remember that if you live like an attorney while in school, you will surely live like a student when you graduate."

Law school tuition has more than doubled since your parents went to college, entry level lawyer salaries have not increased to match the tuition rise, and by going to law school you are losing valuable time as a member of the workforce. Finding a good value in legal education is a difficult challenge, but can be done with diligent research and openness to new adventurous locations.

A few helpful resources in preparation include the Law School Admissions Council at www.lsac.org, the National Directory of Legal Employers employment reports (NALP Directory) www.nalpdirectory.com, the Saint Leo University Pre Law Advisor, and the Office of Career Planning all offer many resources for students considering attending law school.